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SUBJECT: ASHMORE VISIT ON KIM TAE-CHUNG CASE

1. HARRY ASHMORE, PRESIDENT OF THE CENTER FOR DEMOCRATIC STUDIES, SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA, AND FORMER EDITOR OF THE ARKANSAS GAZETTE VISITED SEOUL SEEKING TO AID DEPARTURE OF KIM TAE-CHUNG TO U.S. ASHMORE MET A NUMBER OF TIMES WITH KIM AND REPORTS KIM'S CONTINUED DESIRE TO TAKE UP HARVARD FELLOWSHIP. ASHMORE ALSO SOUGHT TO MEET WITH ROKG OFFICIALS ON THE CASE BUT THEY REFUSED ON GROUNDS GOVERNMENT'S POSITION WELL-KNOWN.

2. AMBASSADOR MET WITH ASHMORE TWICE, AT BEGINNING AND END OF VISIT. REFERENCE TO EARLIER OFFICIAL U.S. STATEMENTS WAS MADE AND ASHMORE WAS INFORMED VISA TO ALLOW KIM TO GO TO U.S. WOULD BE ISSUED WITHOUT DELAY WHEN PASSPORT PRESENTED. ASHMORE SAID HE IS DETERMINED TO WORK ON BEHALF OF KIM'S FREEDOM TO GO TO U.S. AND WILL BE WRITING ARTICLE FOR LOS ANGELES TIMES. HE ALSO NOTED HIS CONCLUSION THAT ONLY WAY TO GET KIM OUT WAS TO GENERATE WIDE ATTENTION IN U.S. AND JAPANESE CIRCLES AND PLACE HEAVY PRESSURE ON ROKG. HE INDICATED SUCH A CAMPAIGN WAS PLANNED AND HE WAS IN CONTACT WITH JAPANESE INTELLECTUAL CIRCLES. HE ALSO HAS MET WITH U.S. REPORTERS NOW IN SEOUL, INCLUDING WASHINGTON POST AND TIME

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MAGAZINE. BOTH HIS AND THEIR ANTAGONISM TOWARD PARK GOVERNMENT

IS EVIDENT, ON KIM CASE AND IN GENERAL.

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